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Office Action Summary

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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Jan 21, 1999

☒ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 22, and 23 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 22, and 23 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☒ The proposed drawing correction, filed on Mar 6, 1998 is ☒ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☒ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☒ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Treatment of Claims Based on Prior Art

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

2. Claims 23 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yurek et al. (US 5545613, hereafter referred to as Yurek).

Yurek discloses a wire of a superconductive material where the grains of the material are compact and adhered together (sintered and compact) with silver (claim 2) filling the voids of the superconductive material in Example 7 prepared with the oxide-metal composite of Example 2, placed in the inside of a metal tube (conductive material) and composing a wire, column 3 at lines 12-23, 63-67 and column 4 at lines 1-3.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yurek, as applied to

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claim 23 above, and Den et al. (US 5,512,538, hereafter referred to as Den).

Yurek discloses the claimed invention except for the superconducting oxide being Ln-Sr-Cu-M-O. Yurek does state that the invention is applicable to any superconducting oxide, column 2 at lines 43-44. Den discloses this type of superconducting oxide, reference the abstract.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to use the superconductive oxide of Den to provide the superconductive material of Yurek, because this type of superconducting oxide is one of many oxides known in the art for making superconductive wires.

5. Claims 3 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yurek, as applied to claim 23 above.

Yurek wire disclose the claimed invention except the composition of the conductive material. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to make the conductive material of the Yurek wire copper, gold or aluminum (claim 3), or an alloy thereof (claim 22), because it is well known in the superconducting arts to make the outer sheath of wires from these metals and their alloys.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments have been carefully reviewed, but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.
7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new explanations in the grounds of rejection presented

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in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a).

Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a). A shortened statutory period for response to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the date of this action. In the event a first response is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event will the statutory period for response expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Closing

8. Any inquiries concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Kamand Cuneo at (703) 308-1233. Examiner Cuneo's supervisor is Mrs. Kristine Kincaid whose telephone number is (703) 308-0640.

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